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COUNCILMEMBER DJOU: TIME FOR A LIMIT ON WAIKIKI STREET CLOSURES

Honolulu City Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) introduced a bill which passed first reading yesterday to limit the number of street closures for parades and festivities in Waikiki. "Although my constituents and I always welcome parades and activities through Waikiki, the recent high volume of street closures is becoming problematic. The occasional parade or street festival that closes Waikiki streets once in a while is always welcome, but the recent high volume of activities now closes Waikiki streets on a near weekly basis. I have no desire to eliminate Waikiki parades or activities, rather I want to restore some sense of balance for residents, businesses, and visitors in Waikiki."

Djou's bill proposes to limit the total number of street closures in Waikiki for parades and other activities to no more than twice per month, or 24 per year, with certain exemptions. Over the past year, Waikiki streets have not only been closed for the usual parades but also for the City's Brunch on the Beach, Sunset on the Beach, the Olympic triathlon trials, native Hawaiian marches and multiple anti-war protests.

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